

1   **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

2           1. A bumper for an umbrella having a shank with a top end and  
3   a sliding ring mounted on the shank, the bumper made of resilient  
4   material and comprising:

5           a securing end (32) adapted to secure under the top end of the  
6   shank;

7           a serpentine middle portion (34) formed adjacent to the securing  
8   end (32) and operationally compressed to provide an shock-absorbing  
9   efficiency;

10          an abutting end (36) formed adjacent to the serpentine middle  
11   portion (34) and adapted to operationally stop the sliding ring; and

12          a straight through hole defined through the securing end (32),  
13   the serpentine middle portion (34) and the abutting end (36) to allow  
14   the bumper to mount on the shank.

15          2. The bumper for an umbrella as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
16   the secured end (32) has a narrow distal edge and further has multiple  
17   slits (322) defined in the narrow distal edge of the secured end (32).

18          3. The bumper for an umbrella as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
19   the abutting end (36) is shaped as a cubic block.

20          4. The bumper for an umbrella as claimed in claim 2, wherein  
21   the abutting end (36) is shaped as a cubic block.